Award Eligibility

• Farm must be located in Iowa and owned by an Iowa resident(s)

• Open to all types of farming operations

• You are also welcome to nominate a family other than your own

Entry Procedure

• Visit iowastatefair.org/participate/the-way-we-live-award to print or fill out an editable entry form

• Must complete the entry form describing how living on a farm and choosing the occupation of farming has shaped your family’s life

• Must submit a family photo that illustrates your family’s commitment to your farming operation

• Entries may be mailed to the address listed or emailed to ewynn@iowastatefair.org

• Entries from 2019, 2020 and 2021 will also be in consideration.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED BY MAY 15, 2022
The Iowa State Fair is searching for six farm families to highlight during the Iowa State Fair. These families exemplify farm values derived from hard work and a love for the occupation of farming. Selected families must show dedication to Iowa agriculture in their daily lives and in the lives of their family members.

**Testimonials**

“Our farm might not be the flashiest, might not be the fanciest, but what it is is three generations working day in and day out as a way of life. Our family has farmed for over 100 years on the same land and hopefully, will continue for another 100 years.”

—Wild Brothers Farms, Lansing, IA

2021 award winner

“We are all very proud of the values our family farm has instilled in us over the decades, including hard work, diligence, commitment, citizenship, leadership and working as a team. Overall, we wouldn’t give up our agricultural history or heritage for any other way of life.”

—Ronald & Mary Esther Pullin Family, Waterloo, IA

2021 award winner

“Jared Achen is proud this is where he gets to raise his family while farming the same land as his grandfather. The independence that comes with farming is what Jared and Tawnya love about raising turkeys. They strive to live by the quote, ‘Be the person who plants a tree, knowing you’ll never sit in the shade.’”

—Achen Farms, Wayland, IA

2021 award winner

“Through the highs and the lows of farming we have learned to never give up regardless of how hard it gets. Our core values as a family stem from the core values of farming: Hard work, perseverance and pure love of our family, God and the land he has blessed us with.”

—Sornson Family Farm, Exira, IA

2021 award winner

**Award Benefits**

- $250 cash award
- Iowa State Fair gate admission tickets
- Vehicle permit for day of recognition
- Coupons from Cattlemen’s Beef Quarters, Iowa Pork Tent, Iowa Turkey Federation Turkey Grill, Midwest Dairy Association Dairy Barn and the Iowa Poultry Association
- Introduction and award presentation on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage
- Recognition display in the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center during the 2022 Fair
- One night stay courtesy of the Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus

**More Information**

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